conditions are different in urban areas compared to rural areas, there is no such proposal.

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation (Centrally-Sponsored) scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied up to 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

New policy for slums

†1085. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to evolve a new policy for slums like Dharavi in Mumbai and many others in a number of cities all over the country;

(b) whether the new approach to slums is part of any new rehabilitation policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. Slum development is a State subject. The State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefor in their respective State Plans.

Poverty alleviation under Tenth Plan

1086. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for poverty alleviation in Tenth Plan;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.